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Remarks

The Office Action mailed February 12, 2007 has been received and reviewed. Claim 99 has been amended to remove the "71." at the end thereof, and claims 71-80 have been canceled, without prejudice. Therefore, the pending claims are claims 81-99. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks provided herein.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement on September 10, 2004 (enclosed as Exhibit A). To date, Applicants have not received an initialed 1449 form from the Examiner, acknowledging that this Information Disclosure Statement was reviewed. If copies of the documents cited are needed, please advise the Applicants accordingly and duplicate copies will be provided.

Objection to Claim

Claim 99 was objected to because of a typographical error. Such error has been corrected.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 81-99 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 19, 21, 22, 26, 29 and 36 of U.S. Patent No. 6,399,362, as follows: instant claims 81, 82 and 85-88 over patented claim 19; instant claims 83 and 84 over patented claims 21; instant claims 89, 90 and 92 over patented claims 22, 26, and 36, respectively; and instant claims 91 and 93-99 over patented claim 29.

A Terminal Disclaimer which, Applicants submit, is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) and thereby obviates the Examiner's double patenting rejection of pending claims 81-99.

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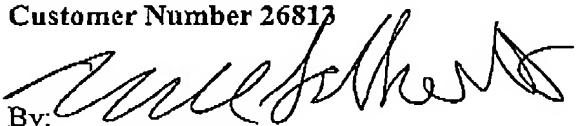
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Summary

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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EXHIBIT A

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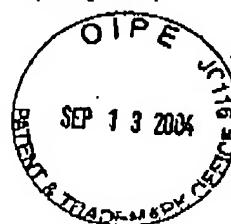
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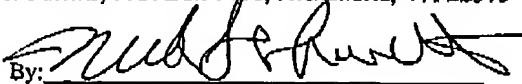
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Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. Per M.P.E.P. § 609, the information cited in the present Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information is, or is considered to be, material to patentability. Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached 1449 forms is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicants further request that a copy of the 1449 forms, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

Applicants also wish to bring the Examiner's attention to the following pending U.S. Applications, as well as any documents, Office Actions that may include rejections of similar claims, and any provisional U.S. patent applications referenced in the pending U.S. applications or in their file wrappers. A copy of each of the below-listed pending U.S. Patent Applications is provided herewith.

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Applicant(s)	Application Number	Filing Date	Serial No. of Provisional Application to which listed Application claims priority
PUI et al. (110.01320102)	10/889,341	07/12/04	60/204,238

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/162,031, filed June 3, 2002, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,746,869 which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/577,747, filed May 23, 2000, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,399,362, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/092,794, filed June 5, 1998, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,093,557, which claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/049,444, filed June 12, 1997. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of documents previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with Applicants' prior application(s) listed above, are not included herewith.

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		3,654,534	04/04/72	Fischer			
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		5,120,657	06/09/92	McCabe et al.			
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